(ii) Orientation training programmes for field functionaries of ICDS and health functionaries on IYCF guidelines.

(iii) Broadcast of audio spots on nutrition including nutrition for the infants and the young children under the programme "Poshan Aur Swasthay" through popular FM stations of All India Radio.

(iv) Celebration of World Breastfeeding Week in August and National Nutrition Week in September each year under which exhibitions on nutrition including infant and young child feeding guidelines is organized for the general public. This year two such exhibitions were organized at Bawana and Narala in Delhi.

(v) Video spots on infant and young child feeding and nutrition for the girl child starting with a message on breastfeeding are being telecast on Doordarshan and other popular TV channels.

(vi) Important messages on breastfeeding are given through press advertisement in leading newspaper all over the country in English, Hindi as well as in regional languages as also through multilingual posters and pamphlets etc.

(vii) Video spots on IYCF have been prepared for wider dissemination.

Permissible amount for Anganwadis in Urban areas

1210. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the maximum permissible amount given as rent for Anganwadis located in urban areas under the ICDS;

(b) the year in which the rent rates were revised; and

(c) whether there is any proposal for increasing the rent rates taking into consideration the high rental rates in urban areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) Under the ICDS Scheme, an amount of Rs. 750/- per Anganwadi Centre per month is prescribed for the rent of Anganwadi Centres located in urban areas.

(b) Rent rates for the Anganwadi Centres under the Scheme were revised in the year 2007 and are effective from 1.2.2007.

(c) Presently, no proposal for increasing the rent is under consideration.

Women trafficking

†1211. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that women trafficking in the country has taken a dreaded form;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the provisions made by Government to liberate the women involved in prostitution and to rehabilitate them;

(d) whether these provisions are proving effective;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if no, the steps to be taken in this direction in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) and (b) There is no country-wide data on the number of women and children trafficked for prostitution. However, the study on 'girls and Women in Prostitution in India', (conducted between 2002-2004), sponsored by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, estimated that there are about 2.8 million prostitutes in the country.

(c) to (f) The Government is continuously taking measures to combat trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation in the country. The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act. 1956 supplemented by the Indian Penal Code prohibits trafficking in human beings, including children, for the purpose of prostitution and lays down penalties for trafficking. The Ministry runs Swadhar Shelter Homes which provide shelter, food, clothing, emotional support, counseling, rehabilitation and other facilities to women in difficult circumstances including trafficked victims. Further, to give focused attention to trafficked victims, the Ministry of Women and Child Development introduced the Ujjawala' Scheme, in December 2007, under which financial assistance is being provided for prevention of trafficking and for rescue, rehabilitation and reintegration of victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 27TH NOVEMBER, 2009*

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

New rail line between Nagpur and Hyderabad

†*121. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways propose to lay a third railway line between Nagpur and Hyderabad to start new trains;

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*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on 27th November, 2009 was cancelled on account of Id-ul-Zuha.

Answers to questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Monday, the 30th November, 2009.

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